

Submission to the Inspector-General of Live Animal Exports on communication and engagement in livestock export regulation

Animals' Angels is an animal welfare organisation based in Frankfurt, Germany with operations in Australia since 2004. In Australia we focus our efforts on animals during the transport and saleyard processes by regularly monitoring for compliance with relevant animal welfare law.

We have previously committed significant effort in monitoring road transport of sheep and cattle to Fremantle port and their subsequent loading onto ships. We have reported our findings to relevant authorities for their attention and action. For the last 12 years we have been unable to obtain access to Fremantle Port despite repeated attempts. No reasonable explanation has been provided to us as to why we have been prevented from entering the Port.

The net effect is that there is no independent oversight of the transport and loading of sheep and cattle at the Fremantle Port. We contend that this is a missed opportunity for the live animal export industry, and associated regulators, to acquire timely, relevant and accurate information about non-compliance with ASEL at the Port. It is also a missed opportunity for giving comfort to the general public that the live export industry is being transparent and accountable for their actions.

In addition to the above we wish to state that we are aware of a submission from the Alliance for Animals and we support the content of that submission.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this process.

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